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## LOW WATER RUNOFF KEEPS COCHITI LAKE RECREATION AREAS OPEN LAKEOPEN

**COCHITI, NM** – Many Cochiti Lake recreation activities were thought to be impeded by high water runoff this season from May to early June, but the latest forecast indicates otherwise, at least for Memorial Day Weekend.

"This is good news for the Memorial Day Weekend recreating public interested in Cochiti Lake," said Bruce Hill, spokesperson for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

"Cochiti Lake is storing much less water than previously forecasted due to a more gradual water runoff at this time. The lake level for Memorial Day weekend is expected to be quite desirable, and the public is encouraged to come out and enjoy the Lake," he said.

A slight increase in lake level is still expected following the Memorial Day weekend, and could possibly impact some recreation areas in early June.

"Keeping the public informed is a priority of the Corps," said Hill. "We want people to have ample time to plan their recreation activities and be prepared for the possibility of any closures."

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